

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-187-T - ORDER NO. 2003-527

AUGUST 27, 2003

IN RE: Application of McCorquodale Transfer, Inc.,) ORDER GRANTING
381 Summit Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35243,) CONTINUANCE ✓
for a Class E Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Azalea Moving & Storage, Inc. (Azalea) for a continuance of the hearing in this matter, which is set for September 4, 2003 at 2:30 PM. The grounds for the continuance are that Azalea's President, Jay Cook, will be out of the country on the date set for hearing. Cook states that he will return from overseas on September 8, 2003, and that he stands ready to attend a hearing as soon after that date as the Commission sees fit.

McCorquodale Transfer, Inc. (McCorquodale or the Applicant), the Applicant in the present case opposes the continuance. First, the Applicant states that the principals in the corporation had arranged their busy schedules in order to be in Columbia for the hearing on September 4, 2003, and that they have had to reschedule a number of business-related events in order to do so. According to the Applicant, changing the hearing date would prejudice it. Also, McCorquodale states that there are other intervenors in the case who could make Azalea's position adequately known.

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We have examined both sides of this issue, and we hereby grant a one week continuance of the hearing until September 11, 2003 at 2:30 PM. The granting of a continuance is a matter within the discretion of the Commission. We believe that Azalea has the right to present its position before the Commission. We also think that Azalea states good grounds for a continuance when it notes that its Company president will be out of the country at the time of the original scheduled hearing, but will be back September 8, 2003. We do not believe that rescheduling the hearing one week later will substantially prejudice the Applicant in this case.

Accordingly, we grant a continuance of the hearing in this matter until **September 11, 2003 at 2:30 PM.**

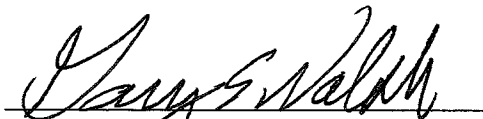
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn
Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director

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